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Austin, TX – Texas State Board of Dental Examiners Disciplines 13 Dental Professionals at December's Board Meeting

The mission of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE) is to protect the public health and safety and promote high quality and safe dental care by providing enforcement, licensing, peer assistance, and related information services to licensees and their patients.

At its December 22, 2017 meeting, the TSBDE entered disciplinary actions related to dental professionals.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Thrasher, Michael, D.D.S., License No. 11864, Waco

On December 22, 2017, the Board and Michael Thrasher, D.D.S., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order imposing a **WARNING** on his license, to within six months pay a \$3,000 administrative monetary fine and complete 12 hours of continuing education courses divided up as follows: six hours in risk management and record-keeping and six hours in endodontics. The Board found that Dr. Thrasher administered nitrous oxide and more than one enteral drug to a patient without holding a valid Level 2 moderate sedation anesthesia permit. It was also found that Dr. Thrasher failed to make, maintain, and keep adequate records.

Holtzclaw, Danny, D.D.S., License No. 20329, Round Rock

On December 22, 2017 the Board and Danny Holtzclaw, D.D.S., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order imposing a **REPRIMAND** on his license, suspension to his Level 3 sedation permit and portability privileges and requiring him to complete 42 hours of continuing education courses divided up as follows: three hours in risk management and record keeping, three hours in ethics, 12 hours in pharmacology, 12 hours in emergency preparedness and 12 hours in moderate sedation. The Board found that Dr. Holtzclaw fell below the minimum standard of care in the dental treatment of a patient and failed to make, maintain, and keep adequate dental records.

Fey, Jeffrey, D.D.S., License No. 15715, Katy

On December 22, 2017 the Board and Jeffrey Fey, D.D.S., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order imposing a **REPRIMAND** on his license, suspension to his Level 3 sedation permit and portability privileges, to within six months pay a \$5,000 administrative monetary fine and requiring him to complete 18 hours of continuing education courses divided up as follows: six hours in risk management and record keeping, six hours in periodontics, and six hours in crown and bridge. The Board found that Dr. Fey fell below the minimum standard of care in the dental treatment of patients.

Johnson, Benjamin, D.D.S., License No. 25262, Waco

On December 22, 2017, the Board and Benjamin Johnson, D.D.S., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order imposing a **WARNING** on his license, to within six months pay a \$3,000 administrative monetary fine and complete 12 hours of continuing education courses divided up as follows: six hours in risk management and record-keeping and six hours in prosthodontics. The Board found that Dr. Johnson fell below the minimum standard of care in the dental treatment of patients, and failed to create adequate records during the treatment of the patient.

Weissburd, Paul, D.D.S., License No. 24842, Dallas

On December 22, 2017 the Board and Paul Weissburd, D.D.S., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order imposing a **REPRIMAND** on his license, reimburse a patient in the amount of \$2,442.70 and requiring him to complete 48 hours of continuing education courses divided up as follows: 24 hours in endodontics, 12 of which shall be hands-on, and 24 hours of fixed or removable prosthodontics, 12 of which shall be hands-on. The Board found that Dr. Weissburd failed to make, maintain, and keep adequate dental records, and failed to obtain signed, written, informed consent from a patient that disclosed all complications, risks and hazards prior to dental work.

Sugg, Harry, D.D.S., License No. 9161, Dallas

On December 22, 2017 the Board and Harry Sugg, D.D.S., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order imposing a **REPRIMAND** on his license, to within six months pay a \$5,000 administrative monetary fine and complete 21 hours of continuing education courses divided up as follows: six hours in risk management and record-keeping, six hours in diagnosis and treatment planning, six hours in medically compromised patients and three hours of opiate abuse/drug seeking patients. The Board found that Dr. Sugg fell below the minimum standard of care in the dental treatment of a patient and he failed to make, maintain, and failed in his duty of fair dealing during the dental treatment of a patient.

Hoover, Amanda, D.D.S., License No. 21338, League City

On December 22, 2017, the Board and Amanda Hoover, D.D.S., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order imposing a **PROBATED SUSPENSION** on her license for three years, to within six months pay a \$5,000 administrative monetary fine, complete 21 hours of continuing education courses divided up as follows: 12 hours in record-keeping, six hours in crown and bridge and three hours in ethics and complete 100 hours of community service for a non-profit charitable organization within 12 months of this order. The Board found that Dr. Hoover fell below the standard of care on five patients, to include overtreatment on patients, failure to document vital signs and failure to keep adequate dental records for patients.

Ochoa, Jose, D.D.S., License No. 25382, Mission

On December 22, 2017, the Board and Jose Ochoa, D.D.S., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order imposing a **REPRIMAND** on his license, to reimburse a patient in the amount of \$1,442.00 within 30 days, for crown and endodontic therapy, to within six months pay a \$5,000 administrative monetary fine, 24 hours of continuing education courses divided up as follows: six hours in risk management and record-keeping, six hours in moderate anesthesia, three hours in ethics, three hours in endodontics, three hours in crown and bridge and three hours in geriatrics. The Board found that Dr. Ochoa failed in his duty of fair dealings, engaged in dishonorable conduct and failed to meet the minimum standard of care during the dental treatment of a patient.

Oser, Hugh, D.D.S., License No. 11701, Keller

On December 22, 2017 the Board and Hugh Oser, D.D.S., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order imposing a **REPRIMAND** on his license, to reimburse a patient in the amount of \$11,302.00 within six months, for the failed implants and implant supported partial denture, to within six months pay a \$3,000 administrative monetary fine and complete 30 hours of continuing education courses in the area of surgical placement of implants, and in the area of removable prosthodontics and implants. The Board found that Dr. Oser failed to meet the minimum standard of care during the dental treatment of a patient.

Pham, Nguyen Thanh, D.D.S., License No. 26002, Bellaire

On December 22, 2017 the Board and Nguyen Thanh Pham, D.D.S., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order imposing a **PROBATED SUSPENSION** on her license for five years, to within six months pay a \$3,000 administrative monetary fine and requiring her to complete 12 hours of continuing education courses divided up as follows: nine hours in risk management and record keeping and three hours in ethics. The Board found that Dr. Pham over-sedated eight minor patients, failed to obtain signed, written informed consent to the proposed sedation from the legal guardian of a patient and failed to keep adequate dental records for patients.

Loeser, Carin, RDA., License No. 100414, Baytown

On December 22, 2017 the Board and Carin Loeser RDA., entered into a Consent Order imposing a **PROBATED SUSPENSION** on her license for a period of three years. Ms. Loeser must provide a copy of the Consent Order to any and all dentist under which she is employed during the effective period of this Order. The Board found that Ms. Loeser failed to disclose her criminal offenses on her dental assistant application.

Mendel, Louis Robert, D.D.S., License No. 33670, Union Springs

On December 22, 2017 the Board and Louis Robert Medel, D.D.S. entered into a Consent Order imposing a **PROBATED SUSPENSION** on his license for a period of three years. Dr. Mendel is prohibited from performing the following acts: dental implants, sinus augmentation surgeries, extraction of impacted teeth and any surgical procedure other than the extraction of non-impacted teeth. Dr. Mendel must also undergo an evaluation by the Texas Professional Recovery Network (PRN) and shall join and maintain membership and fulfill all membership requirements. The Board found that Dr. Mendel has been issued orders from the Alabama Dental Board, which has been carried over to Dr. Mendel's Texas License.

Cartwright, Darren D.D.S., License No. 24313, Creve Coeur

On December 22, 2017 the Board and Darren Cartwright, D.D.S. entered into a Consent Order imposing a **REPRIMAND** on his license. The Board found that Dr. Cartwright was placed on probation from the Missouri Dental Board after failing to obtain the required continuing education credits.

The TSBDE encourages consumers to utilize the "Search Disciplinary Actions" tool on its website to research any Texas dental services provider. If you have concerns about a Texas dental services provider, TSBDE encourages you to contact its office at 512-463-6400 or email at complaints@tsbde.texas.gov.